

**A kingdom, that has a large import and export,
must abound more with industry, and that employed
upon delicacies and luxuries, than a kingdom that rests
contented with its native commodities. It is, therefore,
more powerful as well as richer and happier.**

David Hume, *Essay of Commerce*, 1752



Bob Ostrom Departs MARAD

Acting Maritime Administrator John Jamian presenting Bob Ostrom at his going-away luncheon with a full United States Maritime Service (USMS) Rear Admiral Two-Star Commission, recognizing his service as the "Judge Advocate General" or JAG for the United States Merchant Marine Academy. As the USMS is focused on maritime education and training, Bob's outstanding work and legal leadership with the Academy entitled him to the rank.

On March 17, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta announced the resignation of Robert B. Ostrom, Chief Counsel for the U.S. Maritime Administration. The Secretary recognized Ostrom for his outstanding service as Chief Counsel and specifically for his numerous legal successes during his tenure.

"Bob Ostrom has been an outstanding counsel for the U.S. Maritime Administration and an outstanding member of our legal team here at the U.S. Department of Transportation," Secretary Mineta said. "During his tenure Bob provided strong leadership and oversight on numerous high-profile cases that were successfully litigated under his watch. His legal counsel at the Maritime Administration and Department of Transportation will be greatly missed, but we are grateful for his dedicated years of service to this Department and our country."

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